

Monopoly power is a dangerous thing. The upcoming rule change would change the landscape for all media and usher in an era in which a few corporations control our access to news and entertainment. Democracy is built on the idea that the views and beliefs of an informed citizenry are the best basis for political decision-making. Without access to fair and balanced news, the system simply doesn't work. And media corporations can't be trusted to balance themselves: news corporations have shown again and again that they're willing to sacrifice journalism to improve the bottom line. That's why we need many media entities -- to keep each other honest, and to provide the information and ideas that make democracy happen. For these reasons, I strongly oppose this rule change.